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DUPONT PARADE - SUCCESS

The Parade is over, but the memory lingers on. If you participated or were one of the spectators, we hope you enjoyed it much as we did. The enthusiasm of the children was so over-whelming that it was like being carried along with the waves, and the many hours spent in preparation seemed so worthwhile. The music provided by the DuPont Wildcats surprised the musicians almost as much as they did the audience. We're hoping we can get them to perform again and that they can recruit some of our more talented townspeople. The hot dogs and orange drink, and especially the snow cones were enjoyed by all. Some of our presumably dignified matrons and City Officials displayed a heretofore unknown side of their personalities. Could be they are all thwarted comics!

Two of the busiest boys in town were Larry Balcerak and Jim Riley, who helped tape the signs to the cars after the drivers were seated, decorated bicycles, and made themselves generally useful.

An honored guest in the parade was Congressional Medal of Honor winner, M/Sgt Wilburn K. Ross (Ret), who at the request of Acting Mayor Elton A. Grant, rode in military uniform in the Mayor's car.

The Parade Planning Committee has asked us to publicly thank all of the people who helped make the parade a success and to especially thank the following businesses for their participation; The DuPont Market, Red's Cafe, Lonnie's Chevron Service, DuPont Cleaners, Hutchinson Insurance and Munyan Insurance Agency, for contributing the funds to supply the hot dogs and buns, the Foremost Dairy for donating the orange drink, DuPont School for the Snow Cone Machine, and the many individuals who contributed in both time and money. We wish to express our special thanks to the Food Crew; Sgt Moss, Mrs Keeser, Mrs Westby and Mrs. Foreman for the marvelous job they did in seeing that every one was served so efficiently and pleasantly.

It is our hope that this was just the first of the annual parades that will take place in DuPont, and that next year we can have a bigger and better one. Let's make this old town resound with sound of marching feet, music and hoorays of the spectators.

The Town Council has named Mrs. Sally Lanham to be Town Clerk, to replace Jack Heuertz who had served in this capacity since the Incorporation of DuPont. Jack, who was injured in an automobile accident has finally returned to his home, and was in attendance at the Parade. Everyone was most happy to see him again.

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Anyone who has movies, color slides or snapshots of the DuPont Parade, will you please contact The Villager. We have big plans for the future if we are able to get the films, etc. Call Ju4-1973 and we will tell you all about it.

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A tip of The Villager Hat to Reg Bryans for coming out of retirement to perform as The Clown in Saturday's Parade. His professional antics added much to the enjoyment of the spectators.

Deceased.

Mrs Richard (Alice) Madden passed away Saturday morning, August 20, in a local Hospital.

Alice was very well known in DuPont, having lived here since 1917 at 504 DuPont Ave. She and Dick moved to Franke Tobey Jones Home in January 1965. Their going left a vacancy in our little town, as Alice loved to visit, and spent many a happy hour with her friends over a cup of coffee. She was very active in the DuPont Church, and the Women's Association. Her services were held Wednesday at Mountain View.

Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, Dick, and their son Richard Jr., who lives in New York City.

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Mayor and Mrs Harvy Robinson, accompanied by their daughter, Pat Balcerak and grandson, Larry, toured to Washburn, Wis., where they attended a family reunion. While there Mr and Mrs Robinson celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Larry and his mother had planned to fly back, but due to the Airplane strike they drove the Robinson's car home, as Larry had to resume his duties as a faithful T N T delivery boy. Jim Riley ably performed as substitute in Larry's absence.

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Steve Powell, our P. I. boy is vacationing in North Carolina. His duties are being taken care of by Ed Keeser. Steve will be home August 31st.

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Nick D'Arcy gave a firearms safety course to a group of DuPont boys, which will enable them to obtain a hunting license, when they display a card showing they are proficient in the handling of a gun.

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Newcomers in Town.

Mr and Mrs Santo Rodriguez and family have moved into 200 Barksdale.

Mrs Sarah Humiston purchased the McDaniel house at 304 Louviers.

Mr and Mrs John Butzner moved from 200 Barksdale to 205 Brandywine.

W/O and Mrs Donald Asmus with their family of two boys and one girl have moved into 602 DuPont Avenue.

Marjorie and Nick D'Arcy are building a new cabin on Hood's Canal. Nick says he worked too hard and had a heart attack. We hope he takes it easy enough so that he may enjoy his new cabin.

Nick is Superintendent of the Sunday School, and he desperately needs two substitute Sunday School teachers. If you care to help, call him at Ju 4-0403.

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Mrs Laurie Townsend has been enjoying company this summer. Her friends – Mr and Mrs Al Spence from Detroit Michigan were here for a ten day visit, and more recently her sister, Mrs James Erickson of Minneapolis stopped by for a visit on her way home from Juneau, Alaska.

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Mr and Mrs Fred Iafrati had as house guests, Fred's sister and family, – Mr and Mrs Anthony Manfredo and their two children.

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Two former DuPonters, Sgt and Mrs Ryan returned to the Northwest last week. The Ryans had moved to Florida after his retirement from the Army, but after a few weeks of the extremely hot weather they decided to head back to Washington. The Ryans are living temporarily in Lakewood while looking for a home to buy in the area.

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Mr and Mrs Joseph Gottfried and Mr. Leonard Ruth of Chicago are house guests of Mrs Stanley Andre. The Gottfrieds have purchased a new home in Kent, and will be moving there September 1st. Mr Gottfried is employed at Boeing in Renton.

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An honor has come to another of our DuPont girls. Jacqueline Lanham Williamson, daughter of Mrs Sally Lanham has just graduated from the University of Missouri in the upper ten per cent of her class. The article about her states that she "graduated with distinction".

Jackie has two sons – John is a Junior at Stanford University, and George is a Senior in High School in Kansas City, Kan. Our sincere congratulations to Jackie and her family.

M/SGT WILBURN K ROSS

Seldom does the Editor of a small town paper like The Villager, have the pleasure of interviewing and reporting about a resident as prominent as Congressional Medal of Honor winner, M/Sgt Wilburn K. Ross. Sgt Ross, who resides at 609 Louviers Avenue with his wife and family, was awarded this medal for conspicuous gallantry on the battlefield in World War 11, on October 30, 1944. It was presented to him by General Patch at Nuremberg Stadium, Germany in April of 1945.

. The Villager does not feel that any rhetoric of ours could improve upon the bare facts, as quoted below from the Citation:

The White House
Washington

The President of the United States takes pleasure in awarding the Medal of Honor to

Private Wilburn K. Ross
Company G, 30th Infantry,
United States Army.

for service as set forth in the following

Citation.

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty near St. Jacques, France. At 11:30 hours on October 30 1944, after his company had lost 55 out of 88 men in an attack on an entrenched full strength Company of elite mountain troops, Private Ross placed his light machine gun ten yards in advance of the foremost supporting riflemen in order to absorb the initial impact of an enemy counterattack. With machine gun and small arms fire striking the earth near him, he fired with deadly effect on the assaulting force and repelled it. Despite the hail of automatic fire and the explosion of rifle grenades within a stone's throw of his position, he continued to man his machine gun alone, holding off six more German attacks. When the eighth assault was launched most of his supporting riflemen were out of ammunition. They took positions in echelon behind Private Ross and crawled up, during the attack, to extract a few rounds of ammunition from his machine gun ammunition belt. Private Ross fought on virtually without assistance and, despite the fact that enemy grenadiers crawled to within four yards of his position in an effort to kill him with hand grenades, he again directed accurate and deadly fire on the hostile force and hurled it back. After expending his last round Private Ross was advised to withdraw to the company command post together with the eight surviving riflemen but, as more ammunition was expected, he declined to do so. The Germans launched their last all-out attack, converging their fire on Private Ross in a desperate attempt to destroy the machine gun which stood between them and a decisive breakthrough. As his supporting riflemen fixed bayonets for a last ditch stand, fresh ammunition arrived and was brought to Private Ross just as the advance assault elements were about to swarm over his position. He opened murderous fire on the oncoming enemy; killed forty and wounded ten of the attacking force; broke the assault singlehanded, and forced the Germans to withdraw. Having killed and wounded at least 58 Germans in more than five hours of continuous combat and saved the remnants of the company from destruction, Private Ross remained at his post that night and the following day for a total of 36 hours. His actions through this engagement were an inspiration to his comrades, and maintained the high traditions of the military service."

Signed — Harry Truman

M/Sgt Ross was born in Strunk, Kentucky, within ten miles of the birthplace of Sgt York, who was also a Congressional Medal of Honor winner. Among Sgt. Ross's collection of pictures is one taken with Sgt York, when the Governor of Kentucky had them together for a celebration. The former Moni-Jo Belford, who was born in DuPont, met Wilburn when he was stationed at Fort Lewis. They have been married 16 years, and have 6 children - 2 boys and 4 girls. Sgt Ross retired from the Army in 1964 with the rank of M/Sgt. Presently he is employed at the DuPont-Fort Lewis Schools.

The Pastor Ponders:-

Not long ago my family was privileged to be on vacation. What a thrilling time it was! All of us agree it was the best vacation we have enjoyed as a family.

One of the values of vacationing is having time to be together...to get to know each other - perhaps all over again.

It is true that the pace of life today tends to pull us apart. It is not uncommon for every member of a given family to be headed in different directions as part of the daily routine.

Vacations, however, are not the only solution. About a decade ago the Roman Catholic Church began spreading the slogan, "The family that prays together, stays together." There is no better way to provide continuity throughout the year.

Can you visualize the difference that would be manifest in your home if the entire family went to Church together each week? Yes, a lot of changes would have to be made...but most of them would be good ones.

The congregation which I am privileged to serve would welcome you. So would the chapels on Post, and the churches of the Lakes District.

Go to Church regularly this fall!

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Pastor Dawn and his family returned last Saturday from a four weeks vacation trip. They went to California where they visited both his and her parents, as well as other friends and relatives in Corona and Redlands. On their way home they stopped at Crater Lake, visited Bonneville and The Dalles Dams, walked ?? across the Columbia River three times - now that is an accomplishment, and generally had a good time. Even after all of that they still found enough energy to make a trip to the San Juan Islands for several days, and wound up with a fishing trip to Westport last Tuesday, where Timmy and his Dad each caught a silver salmon, and Tim, Mr Dawn and Shirlee each caught a Ling Cod. Shirlee's cod was a 28 pounder.

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The DuPont Market has changed hands, and the new owners are Mr and Mrs Gordon Kersey. They have two sons, Don and Kenny who will be helping their parents in the store. The Kersey's new home will be in Steilacoom.

While we are welcoming the Kerseys, we bid farewell to Henning Johnson, who has been faithful to this store for so many years. We hope he now gets his well earned vacation.

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Our Service Men

A letter to Mr and Mrs Buck from PFC Jim Kelly

"Just a short letter to express my appreciation for your thoughfulness in sending the Kool Aid and The Villager. That little paper really means a lot to me. The people who are responsible for editing it are to be commended along with Pastor Dawn who writes exceptionally fine articles. Please pass my commendation to those who deserve it."

Editor's note:

If our efforts on this paper do no more than lift the spirits of a boy in service overseas, then we feel that we are repaid.

Local Notes.

Mrs Howard Fude is at home, recovering from major surgery. She has been very ill.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Karnes and family spent last week end in Portland at a family reunion.

Mr and Mrs Clarence Trimble of 303 Brandywine had guests this summer. Mrs. Kittie Davis of Sedro Wooley, and her daughter and grand-daughter - Mrs Bessie Patterson of Canyon City, Oregon, and Miss Judy Patterson of Portland.

On Sunday August 21st they all went to Rainbow Falls where they attended the annual homecoming of the Old Timers and School Mates, who at one time or another lived in Dryad, Washington. This is the 32nd annual get-together for this group, and there were between 300 and 400 people in attendence. Dryad is on the Chehalis River, near Rainbow Falls, and a huge picnic area is set up there for these gatherings. Mrs Trimble and Mrs Davis have been close friends for 67 years, and they never miss this opportunity on the third Sunday of August to get together and renew old acquaintances.

WEDDING BELLS

Wilma Hale, daughter of Mr and Mrs Earl Hale was married early the morning of August 25th to Mr Frank Hemerway, of the United States Army. The happy couple are honeymooning in Idaho.

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Miss Fran Deck, bride-elect of Michael Morgan, whose wedding will take place Sept. 17th at Sacred Heart Church in Lacey, was honored by a bridal shower Wednesday, Aug 24th, given by Mrs David Morgan.

Special guests were Mrs Frank Deck, mother of the bride-to-be, Mrs Wm Lumsdon, Grandmother of the Bridegroom, and the bridesmaids, Kathy Moser, Betty Moser, Mary Ann Roblee, and Donna Morgan. (cont)

22 guests shared the lively games, and the excitement of opening the gifts. White doves and white candles added to the beautiful coral gladioli centerpiece on the refreshment table.

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Visitors in Town.

Mr and Mrs Milo Millosovich were the house guests of Mr and Mrs Mervyn Morgan this summer. A two weeks vacation included salmon fishing at Westport and Neah Bay, a trip around the loop, fishing at Quinault and the Rustler River, and a trip to Mount Rainier.

DuPont Market

has fresh meat N O W.

Steaks, Roasts, Hamburger,
Roasting hens, Bacon, Hams,
Lunch Meat, Polish Sausage,
Ring Bologna, Lunch meats,
Weiners, etc.

Garden Club

The DuPont Garden Club wishes to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all of the ladies of DuPont to join them at the first regular meeting of the 1966-67 season. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept 20th, at 12;30 P. M. at Town Hall. For a year of fun and informative demonstrations, plan to join this enthusiastic group of DuPonters. Additional information can be obtained by calling
Ju 4-0446 or Ju 4-0663.

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Women's Association

The Women's Association of the DuPont Church will open their fall season with a luncheon and business meeting on Wednesday Sept 14th. An invitation is extended to all ladies to be at the Church Basement at 12;30 A summer offering will be taken to supply medicine for the underprivileged.

There will be a meeting of the Board August 31st at the home of the President, May Munyan, at 10 o'clock.

All Officers are urged to attend.

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